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File: [REDACTED] Office: Texas Service Center

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IN RE: Petitioner:
Beneficiary:

[REDACTED]

Petition: Petition for Special Immigrant Religious Worker Pursuant to Section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(4)

IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER: Self-represented

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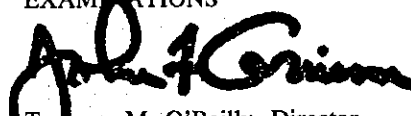
This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office which originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

If you have new or additional information which you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reopen. Such a motion must state the new facts to be proved at the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. Any motion to reopen must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Service where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. Id.

Any motion must be filed with the office which originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.7.

FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,
EXAMINATIONS


Terrence M. O'Reilly, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The immigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center. The Associate Commissioner for Examinations dismissed an appeal from the decision. The matter is now before the Associate Commissioner on motion to reopen. The motion will be dismissed.

The petitioner is an organization that seeks classification of the beneficiary as a special immigrant religious worker pursuant to section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(4), to serve as an associate pastor.

The center director denied the petition in a decision dated October 6, 1997. The Associate Commissioner dismissed an appeal from that decision finding that the petitioner had failed to establish that: the beneficiary had continuous work experience in a religious vocation or occupation during the two-year period immediately preceding the filing date of the petition; the proposed position constitutes a religious occupation; it is a qualifying, non-profit religious organization; and, the beneficiary is qualified to work in a religious occupation.

On motion, the petitioner requested 30 days to submit additional evidence. No additional evidence was submitted.

8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires that any motion to reopen or reconsider must be filed by the petitioner within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen or reconsider.

The appeal was dismissed in a decision dated September 30, 1998. The Associate Commissioner received the motion on November 2, 1998. The Associate Commissioner's decision clearly advised the petitioner that any motion must be filed with the office which originally decided its case. The motion was properly filed at the Texas Service Center on January 19, 1999. The respondent's motion was untimely filed and will be dismissed.

In addition, according to 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(2), a motion to reopen must state the new facts to be provided and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(4) further states that a motion that does not meet applicable requirements shall be dismissed.

The petitioner's submissions on motion fail to present any new facts to be considered. Even were the motion timely filed, it would be dismissed as failing to meet applicable requirements of a proper motion.

ORDER: The motion is dismissed.